(ख) क्या सरकार जिन-जिन स्थानों पर वायुदूत को विमान सेवाएं उपलब्ध थीं वहां इंडियन एयरलाईंस को विमान सेवाएं उपलब्ध करायेगी ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उन स्थानों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) वायुदूत इंडियन एयरलाईंस के एक अलग प्रभाग के रूप में कार्य कर रहा है।

(ख) से (घ) उपयुक्त विमानों की उपलब्धता न होने के कारण इंडियन एयरलाईंस उन सभी स्टेशनों का प्रचालन करने की स्थिति में नहीं है जहां पहले वायुदूत द्वारा सेवायें प्रचालित की जाती थीं ।

Involvement of private sector for setting up airports

3246. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have expressed willing to involve private sector in setting up International and domestic airports in the country;

(b) whether any scheme has been formulated to set up new airports in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent the involvement of private sector is going to affect the maintenance of existing airports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Government of India has given its no objection for construction of airports of international standards at Bngalore in Karnataka with the help of private parties and at Cochin in Kerala with the funds to be mobilised from the public including Non-Resident Indians. The respective State Governments are to firm up the cost of the project and other modalities. The Airports Authority of India will provide technical assistance.

(d) The involvement of Private Sector will in no way affect the maintenance of existing airports in the country.

Tampering of passenger,s suitcase

3247. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a suitcase of passenger was found tempered with at Indira Gandhi Airport in IC-814 on 7th February, 1995; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the passenger has lodged an FIR against such incident, if so, whether an enquiry has been done indicating the details;

(c) in what manner the passenger in likely to be compensated for the losses; and

(d) what are the details of such incidents during last three years, year wise and the compensation paid thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On arrival of IC-814 on 7-2.95 a passenger lodged a complaint with Indian Airlines, alleging loss of Rs. 19550/- from this registered baggage which was fund in open condition. A search was carried out immediate-

ly and all relevant staff on duty were frisked but the money could not be recovered. The passenger lodged an F.I.R. with the Police Station, International Terminal I.G.I. Airport, New Delhi. The Police investigations are on.

(c) and (d) All claims pertaining to the loss or pilferage of registered baggage are settled as per the Carriage by Air Act; on weight loss basis. Passengers are also advised to carry currency, jewellery, negotiable instrument, etc. in their hand baggage. The details of the incidents and the compensation paid during the last three years is as follows:—

Year	No. of cases	Amount of compensation paid
1991-92	22	INR 5043 USD 398
1992-93	24	INR 10960 USD 1960
1993-94	28	INR 4532 USD 190

Upgradation of Airports

3248. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to upgrade a number of airports in the country to International standards and to equip them with all navigational and ground landing facilities to receive charter flights from abroad to reduce heavy landings and number of flight operations at Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta International Airports;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the number of airports in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh which are likely to be upgraded to International Route Standards in the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calicut Goa, and Hyderabad airports are being upgraded with all modern passenger amenities, navigational aids and communication facilities.

(c) Vadodara in Gujarat, Nagpur in Maharashtra and Indore in Madhya Pradesh are being developed as model airports with provisions of immigration and customs facilities to cater to limited international operations.

Staff strength of Vayudoot

3249. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of employees working with Vayudoot, both technical and non-technical;

(b) whether the employees of Vayudoot will be absorbed by the Indian Airlines; and

(c) if so, the number of employees absorbed by Indian Airlines so far?